STATE YOUTH COUNCIL ON WORKFORCE SERVICES

The State Youth Council will coordinate, disseminate and ensure the delivery of quality effective services to Utah youth.

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Message from Jan Zogmaister, State Youth Council Chair

Welcome to the first Utah State Youth Council on Workforce Services Newsletter! The purpose of this publication is to increase communication and awareness between the State Youth Council and community stakeholders. To that end, a regularly scheduled newsletter will be available in print, and on the Internet at http://jobs.utah.gov/StateCouncil/Youth/dwsdefault.asp.

Regional Updates

Central

Contact Bo Hall

Salt Lake County provides services to eligible youth in the Central Region, Salt Lake and Tooele Counties. A mentoring partnerships presentation was held July 2002. "Career Opportunity Maps" have been developed for K-12 and 6-12 grade youth.

Eastern

Uinta Basin-Contact Wayne Griffin

The Uinta Basin YES program served eligible youth through the Summer Youth Employment Opportunities activities. In addition to providing subsidized summer jobs, youth were provided ways to improve basic academic skill deficiencies, and 'life skills' workshops. Americorp has helped with training. An Effective Communications class was taught that also granted students a high school credit. Significant efforts have been made to connect with schools to find a solution to the lack of technology internships available in the area.

South Eastern-Contact Pattie Hansen

Area youth were enrolled in the Summer Youth Employment Opportunities program that provides work-site and academic learning opportunities. Pinnacle Canyon Academy serves WIA youth in Carbon and Emory County. Eleven eligible youth were involved in SYEO. Forty were involved in day camp activities. In Blanding, the youth worked with the U.S. Forest Service. Eligible youth in Grand County are served by dedicated staff at the Moab Employment Center.

Mountainland

Mountain Land-Contact Rickie Bryan

Working with the local Community Action program, the Mountainland Region has complied a directory of agencies and partners who provide services to area youth. Collaboration efforts have been made with the following partners: Project Read,

Education, Vocational Rehabilitation, United Way, Community Action, Utah County Health, and Park City Christian Center.

North

Wasatch North-Contact Jan Zogmaister

Approximately 128 WIA eligible youth have been served by Futures Through Training (FTT). In addition to work site learning and classroom training activities, excellent workshops are provided. Workshop topics include diversity, gangs, assertiveness, money management, goal setting, daily living skills, etc. TANF funds have been used to provide 69 youth with summer work-based learning and to provide 300 at-risk youth with after-school programs in the Ogden City School District. FAFT council serves 101 families and also provides bilingual assistance.

Bear River North-Contact Kathryn Anderson

Bear River Association of Governments serves contracted WIA youth. TANF funds have been used to provide collaborative services to 150-160 youth in a high adventure summer learning program, specialized service to Latino youth in Box Elder County, School to Careers funding, a pregnancy prevention program for Box Elder Count, and to enhance 4-H programs in Northern rural Box Elder County.

Western

Western-Contact Brad Neufeld

Windfield Kids is contracted to serve eligible youth, and serves approximately 1100 youth (about 250 with WIA funds). 92 youth participated in SYEO. Youth specific career fairs were held. They are currently identifying E.S.L. services in their area.

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